

Today's
Advertisements.

ROTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 26th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [163]

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 2nd February proximo—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,
M. LAZAR,
Acting Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANDLER INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, NAO NABEKURA,
Agent.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [183]

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on TUESDAY, the 2nd February—

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

UNITED INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.
Acting Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LD.
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
WM. MACBRAIN,
Manager.

THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [192]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my ABSENCE and until further notice—MR. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOLE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [191]

NOTICE.

A GENTLEMAN of GOOD POSITION occupying a FINE HOUSE (higher-level) 5 ROOMS and big TENNIS GROUND wishes to share the House with One or Two Gentlemen; if agreeable. A Mess could be arranged.

Correspondence invited sub.
W. W.,
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [185]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI:
The Company's Steamship

"HAIMON," will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [190]

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamship

"LOONGMOON,"
Capt. F. W. Scholz, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1897. [193]

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEN'S and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1897. [187]

Intimations.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES
AND
SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vinages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the place of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINES and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 15th September, 1896. [6]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1897.

THE PROPOSED FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

Our contemporary the *Daily Press* has failed, in its remarks about the proposed Indian Famine Fund, to take note of the fact that our proposal to start a Press Fund for the relief of the distress in India was conditional and only to be put forward in the event of none of the properly constituted representatives of public opinion in the Colony coming forward to take the necessary measures. By properly constituted representatives of public opinion we mean the Chamber of Commerce, the China Association, the Unofficial Members of Council, the Heads of the religious organisations in the Colony, and others who are truly and really the organs of different sections of the community. His Excellency the Governor is not the representative of the public of Hongkong. He is the representative of the Colonial Office and is in his place when, at the request of the community, he places himself at the head of any such movement as that which we are now suggesting, and guides and directs it with the advice and assistance of a Committee of residents. We do not think the initiative should come from him, and in the past history of the Colony we think it will be found that the position and functions we now indicate were those which former Governors almost invariably took up and exercised. Governor FORBES, it is true, started the Irish Famine Fund, but, to the best of our recollection, he was requested to do so by some home organization and was himself a representative Irishman. Neither do we agree with the *Daily Press* in thinking that the Colony should wait for an official communication or request for aid. If we do, all the grace and merit of spontaneity is gone. We know well from the public prints in India and in England that between the famine and the plague the greatest distress prevails throughout a very great portion of British India, that many millions of people are absolutely dependent upon assistance from outside, and that the famine threatens to be one of the worst from which our Indian fellow-subjects have ever suffered. They are in need and greatly in need, and again we

say that the very best and most graceful method of celebrating the completion of the sixty years of Her Most Gracious Majesty's reign will be to raise, as the Colony can easily do if all throw in their mite each in proportion to his means, a hundred thousand dollars to be given in the Queen's name to the Indian Famine Fund. Fully that amount must have been expended in the Colony in celebrating Her Majesty's Jubilee in 1887, and even a larger amount could be raised now. To raise a sum of money to be spent in the Colony in rejoicings, or in the endowment of some public institution for our own use and benefit, is but a selfish method of commemorating so great an event. Let us do honour to Her Majesty and to ourselves by doing that which, we may be perfectly sure, would be most acceptable and most grateful to Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, who has always shown herself during her long reign to be so tender, so compassionate, so sympathetic.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

EUROPE AND THE PLAGUE.
LONDON, January 24th, 1897.

A Conference of the Powers on the plague will meet at Venice.

THE NIGER EXPEDITION.
The Niger forces have defeated the natives at Shonga after a sharp fight, and have destroyed the town.

(Special to *China Gazette*).
THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.
MANILA, January 20th.

The widow of Dr. Rizal, the instigator of the rebellion, who was executed, has gone over to the rebel camp at Imus. The rebels received her with open arms, and regard her in the same light as Jeanne d'Arc.

THE Peking-Hankow Railway.

SHANGHAI, January 21st.

We learn from what we believe to be a reliable source, that the capital for the building of the Peking-Hankow Railway is to be raised, entirely if possible, by shares of Tls. 50 each. Tls. 20 to be paid upon application and the balance to be called for at any time when required. Ten years after the completion of the line, should any shareholders so desire, the amount of Tls. 100 will be paid for each share. Over Tls. 20,000,000 have been subscribed for—*Mercury*.

CONSULAR SCANDAL AT YOKOHAMA.

SHANGHAI, January 21st.

We hear that an official scandal has recently occurred in Yokohama and that a member of the Consular body, detected in cheating at cards, has been summarily dismissed by his Government—*Mercury*.

LOSS OF A "CITY" LINER.

SHANGHAI, January 21st.

A telegram was received in Shanghai yesterday reporting the loss of the steamer *City of Canterbury*, which left Liverpool on the 9th of December for India. The vessel belonged to the City Line, run by Messrs. Glasgow, Liverpool, and India, and was built in 1875; her net tonnage being 9,313 tons.—*N. C. Daily News*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Russo-Chinese Bank has opened a branch in Paris.

THE German Commercial Mission calls for the Far East from Hamburg to-morrow.

THE British gunboat *Ripids* was at Hankow on the 18th inst., and H.M.S. *Plover* at Chinkiang on the 20th.

THE football match, under Rugby rules, between the Navy and the Hongkong Football Club was won this afternoon by the Club team by 35 points to nil.

FROM the *Mercury* we learn that the Chinkiang Filature closed its doors the other day owing to enormous liabilities, and the "bosses," Messrs. Wu and Shih, have been arrested.

THE white U.S. cruiser *Olympia* is still maintaining her speed record. She left Nagasaki at 11 a.m. last Saturday and reached Hongkong at 6 a.m., to-day. Her total time from light to light was 60 hours.

MR. GEORGE JAMESON, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul-General at Shanghai, arrived here this morning from the north by the *Romyka*, by which vessel this popular and able official proceeds to the said consular leave of absence.

THE Passengers of the community met at the Pater Charity Fund Trustees' premises, 21, St. Andrew's Street, on Sunday evening to offer up prayers to the Almighty to abate the plague and famine that are now devastating India. A sum of \$1,100 was also immediately subscribed for the special fever hospital at Bombay. Further and important steps in the same direction are now being inaugurated.

THE 6th annual meeting of members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders will be held in the rooms of the Institution, 13 Praya Central, on Saturday next, the 30th instant, at 8.45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Managing Committee and statement of accounts to the 31st December 1896. A smoking concert will be held after the business before the meeting has been disposed of.

AT a recent extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Commercial and Land Mortgage Bank, Limited, held at Madras, the resolution relating to the change of name of the Bank to "The Commercial Bank of India, LD." and the proposal to increase the capital to Rs. 4,000,000 were carried unanimously. Up to the date of the meeting applications for Rs. 7,793 of the 11,000 new shares to be issued, had been received at a rate of Rs. 140 per share.

THE site for the Tientsin Cotton and Woollen Goods Mill has been fixed. The manufactory will be built next spring. The machinery has, says the *Mercury*, been ordered through a Shanghai firm, to arrive in about half-a-year's time.

ON the 17th inst. Inspector Quincey charged the mistress of a brothel, No. 13 Cochran Street, with having detained a girl for immoral purposes and with having assaulted her. Two remands were granted at the request of Mr. Reece, who appeared for the defence, and to-day the defendant was *non est* when called upon. Her bail of \$500 was ordered to be returned.

THE following notice was posted in the passage at the Registry to-day—
"Notice.—The public transacting business in the Registry cannot be allowed to remain with hats on or smoking in the office, or otherwise behave in a disorderly manner. This order will be strictly enforced. J. W. NORMAN KYSER, Registrar, Supreme Court, January 26th, 1897."

AT a regular meeting of United Mark Lodge, No. 419 E.C., held last night, Bro. G. J. W. King was elected Wm. Master for the ensuing year; Bro. J. R. Grumble was elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Maxwell, Tyler. Bro. King has served many years in high office, and in this rising to still higher office it will doubtless be joyfully conceded by his many friends that the reward of merit has not fallen to the lot of one who was fully entitled to it.

THE Imperial Chinese Postal Service will probably be an accomplished fact in a few days. At a meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Council on the 23rd instant letters from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and Messrs. Greaves & Co. were read stating that under an arrangement made for the establishment of an Imperial Chinese Postal Service, they will be unable to carry local mail matter between ports in China after the 2nd prox. This means that the companies named will carry only such mail matter as is placed on board their vessels by the Imperial Chinese Postal Administration.

QUOTING from a Calcutta contemporary the other day, we stated that arrangements have been made to place large quantities of Singapore coal on the Bombay market. Mr. Lowinsky, Manager of the Singapore mines, having arranged terms and induced the railways concerned to quote special rates. We now find it stated in *Indian Engineering* that the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Company are anxious to develop coal traffic to Bombay from the Sanctoria pits, but as these are 1,747 miles by rail from Bombay, while the railway lead by Singapore coal to Bombay is only 650 miles, the latter naturally has the advantage for purposes of competition in the Bombay market.

IN connection with the political scandal in Canada arising through the general election in June last, which resulted in the defeat of the late Conservative Government and the placing in power of a Liberal party under the leadership of the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, as a result of complaints made no fewer than 27 Returning Officers have been arrested and charged with having conspired to defeat the will of the people.

—Then there is a law in force in Canada providing for the punishment of persons found guilty of conspiring to defeat the will of the people. Hongkong might be a much happier place if an Ordinance on all fours with this refreshing Canadian law were rushed through Council as soon as possible. It is, of course, a serious offence, or should be made so at all events, for any persons to conspire to defeat the will of the people.

MR. HENRY O'SHEA, special war correspondent, wired to the *China Gazette* a few days ago from Manila reporting as follows—From telegraphic despatches we learn that the rebels at Bulacan are surrendering largely under General Polavieja's amnesty, these rebels are fighting amongst themselves. It seems that the rebel leaders are trying to prevent the surrender. The country around Manila has been pretty well cleared of the rebels, whose efforts to join the Bulacan rebels have been entirely defeated. Whatever chance they had at first of effecting this has been lost by the leaders, who have become completely demoralized, none of them preserving any unity in their plans. The rebels are only showing fight in small detached bands. At Batas, Bulacan, however, a small fight took place, during which Generalissimo Kessello was captured and sentenced to be shot.

AT the annual meeting of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps on the 19th instant Major J. H. Clark, who presided, said the total strength of the Corps on the 31st of December last was 271; at the last inspection 377, and on the 31st of December, 1896, 330. To a certain extent the decline was accounted for by "D" Co. having been disbanded, but there was a large deficiency which ought to be made up. It was a very poor show for a place like Shanghai where there were so many young men who could always find time for paper-killing, rehearsals, cricket, tennis, &c. He thought in a place like Shanghai they ought to have at least 500 Infantry. He was often struck by the number of eligible members who could find time to watch the Volunteers at drill or at sham fights and he could assure them they would look much better in uniform and would be doing more good. During the last two or three months there had been some meetings of officers with regard to forming another Infantry company, and the Machine Gunners had come forward with a good deal of spirit to do so, and volunteered to make themselves into a battery, taking at the same time that they might be allowed to retain the guns. At present the strength of the Machine Gunners was 25 or 26, but during the last few days they had recruited their strength up to nearly 35, and he felt sure that by the next inspection they would turn out 40 or 50 strong. Major Clark went on to express members of the Corps to increase its membership by speaking to their friends and pointing out its necessity and advantages.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended Jan. 24th are:—Europeans, 218; Chinese, 4,001; total 4,219.

Six Ahmedkhan, son of the famous Dost Mahomed, and uncle of the present Amir of Cabul, on 3rd instant died at Peshawar at the age of eighty.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Zoroastrian Charity Fund\$250

SOME of the South African Dutch papers have a pretty wit. *On Land*, for instance, in an article *propos* of *Gay Fawkes Day*, suggests that Boer children should celebrate the anniversary of the Jameson raid for all future time by the discharge of revolvers and crackers and the burning of effigies of Rhodes and Jameson!

A RECENT dispatch from Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, A.T., announces that the astronomers of the observatory have discovered that the planets Mercury and Venus each turn once on its axis during one revolution about the sun, making the day just equal to the year on these planets. They find further that Venus is not cloud covered, as has been reported, but has about it a thick atmosphere, while Mercury has none.

THE Commander-in-Chief, Lord Wolseley speaking of "Modern Armies," at Edinburgh said he believed that the Chinese were designed above all races to be the great military and naval conquering people, and he added, that if he was given a free hand and allowed to select English officers as instructors, he would endeavor to raise in a couple of years a Chinese army which would be invincible in the East and hard to beat in Europe.—*Fortress*

BIRTHDAY OF THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.

The anniversary of the birth of His Majesty Frederick William Victor Albert, King of Prussia, and Emperor of Germany, will be celebrated to-morrow in all parts of the world in a manner befitting such an important occasion. His Majesty, who is a grandson of Queen Victoria, was born in Berlin on the 27th January, 1859, and is therefore only 38 years of age. He succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, the late Emperor Frederick, on the 15th June, 1888. His Majesty was married in Berlin on 27th February, 1881, to Augusta Victoria, Duchess of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Augustenburg, a niece of Prince Christian.

In Hongkong Divine Service will be held on board the German flag-ship *Kaiser* at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Boats to convey any one wishing to attend the service on the *Kaiser* will leave Murray Place at 10 a.m.

We understand that the German Consul will receive congratulations at the German Consulate between 12.30 and 1.15 to-morrow.

THE following is the programme of music to be played by the West Yorkshire Band at the German Club to-morrow evening:—

1.—March, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 2.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 3.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 4.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 5.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 6.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 7.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 8.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 9.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 10.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 11.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 12.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 13.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 14.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 15.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 16.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 17.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 18.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 19.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 20.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 21.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 22.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 23.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 24.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 25.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 26.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 27.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 28.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 29.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 30.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 31.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 32.—Waltz, "Die Kaiserin." 33.—Polka, "Der Kaiser Wilhelm." 34.—Waltz, "Die 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IMPORTANT BANK CASE.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK V. PHRA PAKDEE.

In the International Court at Bangkok (before Phra Thammaset, Phra Manoo, Phra Chait and Mr. Schiess) on the 14th instant the hearing of the case in which the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation seeks to recover from Phra Pakdee the sum of 131,147.75 Bahts, the amount of overdrafts of on the defendant's account in the Plaintiff Bank was commenced. Mr. W. A. G. Tilke appeared for the Bank and Luang Sunthorn Khosa for Phra Pakdee.

Mr. Tilke, in opening the case, said that the H. & S. Bank carried on banking business in Bangkok, a business which comprised many matters, the nature of which he proceeded to explain to the Court. Among these was a running account, which was then opened by Phra Pakdee in order to obtain the assistance of the Bank, which lent money in the way of overdrafts and obtained interest thereon. Shortly before the defendant became the Optum Farmer he went to Mr. Brown, the then Manager of the Bank, to secure the assistance of the Bank in the event of his obtaining the Farm. In the course of a number of conversations an agreement was come to that Phra Pakdee should from time to time deposit in the bank his receipts as Optum Farmer, and should therefrom not be sufficient for his requirements, the Bank should allow him overdrafts upon which interest should be charged. In all these negotiations Mr. Maclean was present, and when the defendant stated that he wished Mr. Maclean to act for him Mr. Brown stated that he must have that in writing. The defendant went away and later on came back with the following document appointing Mr. Maclean his agent.

Copies of Authority from Phra Pakdee to Mr. Maclean, Bangkok, 1st April, 1895.

The Agent, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Bangkok.

Dear Sir, I hereby beg to inform you that I have appointed Mr. John Maclean to act for me in connection with all money or matter deposited in your Bank on current account or otherwise whether in your Singapore branch or at your office here.

It is here especially understood that Mr. Maclean's signature to your office here to write or sign any document in relation to the above account shall be valid and binding on me.

I am, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully, Phra Pakdee.

Witness to this signature of Phra Pakdee: Franklin Hurst.

On April 18th the defendant began his account by depositing in the Bank 24,000 Bahts, and on the 29th 25,000, on the 31st he withdrew 24,000 in favour of the Treasury. The Bank then received receipts for all money he deposited in, and all these items appeared in the defendant's evidence. When money was paid out of the Bank likewise received a voucher, all of which would be produced. During the three years 1892, 1893, and 1894 the defendant only signed checks himself for five months. During the rest of the time Mr. Maclean withdrew money for purchase of opium and payment to the Government. Phra Pakdee took the checks from Mr. Maclean and paid them into the Treasury himself. During part of that 31 months Phra Pakdee signed some checks himself when Mr. Maclean was absent. The defendant alleged that Mr. Maclean had had power to draw on his account, and not to overdraft. As a matter of fact, there were never any surplus moneys in the Bank. The statement he put in showed the state of the account for the whole period, and was a true extract from the books of the Bank, as would be sworn to by Mr. Hunter. When he said the defendant was always indebted to the Bank it was because the Bank had branches both in Singapore and in Hongkong, and if the manager of the Bank in Hongkong wired to the manager in Singapore or Hongkong to pay anyone any money it was done. These branches kept an account of the money so paid. Phra Pakdee had to buy opium in Singapore. Shortly after he took the Farm he asked Mr. Brown to wire to the Singapore branch to allow his agent there a credit of \$30,000. That showed clearly that defendant knew there were overdrafts. He did not pay the money into the Bank, but the Bank trusted him for that amount. So while the account was going on in Bangkok there was also the other in Singapore, where the agent was buying opium on credit. That was another point which showed that defendant knew the Bank was overdrafting. He opened a firm in Hongkong and asked the Bank to give that firm an overdraft of \$30,000. The Bank wrote to the Bank in Hongkong, and the letter would be produced, instructing the Bank there to credit that firm with that amount. On May 26th, 1894, Phra Pakdee was overdrawn 8,000 Bahts. Again on July 10th he was overdrawn 8,000 Bahts. Again on July 28th he was overdrawn 12,000 Bahts. On August 27th he was overdrawn 16,000 Bahts. That was while he was himself drawing checks. He went on with the account in this way, overdrawing more and more at one time to the very large sum of 427,000 Bahts. Again, to show Phra Pakdee knew his account was overdrawn, there was the fact that on March 31st, 1895, his Farm was closed, and if his account was not overdrawn that would have ended his account, but it would be seen from the accounts that during April and May, 1895, he continued paying money into the Bank and during the two months he paid in about 100,000 Bahts. That was clear evidence that he knew the account was overdrawn, and otherwise why should he have paid in all that money? Then there was another matter. When a person employed another as agent it was understood that he did so because he had confidence in that person to manage his business in his stead. There were a number of people in Bangkok, Europeans and Siamese, who did business with the Bank through agents. When the agents came to the Bank for money it was not the duty of the Bank to enquire why the money was wanted, so long as the agent came to the cheque and admitted it. Mr. Maclean took money for his own purposes, then the defendant should obtain the money from him. He could not go to the Bank and ask why the money had been paid to Mr. Maclean. Therefore, when he called Mr. Maclean into the box, he would merely ask him if those were his signatures on the cheques. There was no cause to ask him what the money was for. When the defendant had paid in 100,000 Bahts at the end of May the Bank found there was still 100,000 Bahts due. He was sent for and several times came to the Bank and promised to pay it. On June 21, seeing he did not keep his promise, Mr. Hunter wrote and asked him to settle the overdraft. He replied in English to the effect that—Luang Sunthorn Khosa objected to the document being read, as he had not received a copy. Mr. Tilke replied that he should have been asked for copies. The letter stated that he was busy looking into the accounts in connection with the overdraft, and would come to the Bank later on. That letter showed that he knew there was an overdraft and admitted it. The defendant suggested two arbitrators to look into the matter and the Bank consented. That accounted for the delay that occurred in the closing of the action. It was a point of law that account books, if well kept, should be admitted as evidence, and in English law a certified copy of such books, sent in by the banker, could be received in evidence. Nothing had surprised him more than the statement of his learned friend that a banker could not justify his account books. He asked the Court to have the same evidence in such books as they were by the rest of the civilized world. The whole evidence in the case was whether there was or was not an overdraft.

Maclean had been paid. If the Court was satisfied that the money had been paid on Mr. Maclean's cheques and Mr. Maclean's orders then the Court must hold that they had been paid on the account of Phra Pakdee, as the principal for whom Mr. Maclean was agent. Mr. Hunter, Manager of the Bangkok branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was examined, cross-examined, and re-examined at considerable length and then the hearing was adjourned till the 16th instant.

THE CAREW CASE.

[Special to China Gazette.]

THE "ANNIE LUKE" LETTERS.

Kobe, January 19th.

The Annie Luke mystery still occupies the attention of the Court and the public here.

In the course of the hearing of the case yesterday, it was admitted by Mr. Lowder, for the defence, that the letter to Sir Ernest Satow over the signature of A. L. Price, had been written by Mr. Carew.

The prosecution by the Crown has been closed.

(Special to N. C. Daily News.)

Kobe, January 19th.

Mr. W. B. Mason, of Tokio, expert in handwriting, wrote to the effect that the "Annie Luke" letters from the points of similarity shown: He is quite positive that the writing of Miss Jacob, and Miss Christoffel, is different from that in the letters.

The letter to Sir Ernest Satow, signed A. L. Price, was read, and Mr. Lowder, for the defence, admitted that the prisoner was the writer. The case for the Crown is closed and the defence opens on Saturday.

THE DICKINSON EPITELIA.

The following are some of the letters addressed to Mrs. Carew as read by Mr. Dickinson in the witness-box in the course of the trial of Mrs. Carew on the charge of poisoning her husband:

"You ask me, dear, to take time over answering your letter and in the same breath to give it to you in time. An—five on a mail day with all its interruptions, is not an easy place, and—do not know as I begin the—how—when I shall end. What do you—want me to say? It is impossible to go back to the old feeling. It has altered all that, and if you were a friend, I would ask you to come to me. You know this. Long ago, when I first knew you, something of a passion for you first knew you, and then came over me and envy of the man who had you, and now, when you are thoroughly estranged and have come to me for help, what I had easily checked before has risen again with a strength that is multiplied a tenfold and by the knowledge that now you love me."

"Dearest, the scene of last night shall not take place again. We cannot help now, I think, loving. I know it is wrong, but you are not to blame, I think, so much as I, but for other things that our—gross—sin shall be avoided. Can—go on as we are? I do not see—can help it. I went into all this—beginning only with the honest list—adding you and cheering on for— and you enjoyed my coming. When I found your life so dear and empty of happiness that should have been yours, my heart bled for you, and I knew—excuse anything you might do. It— a pity, I think, that you should have been so much in love with me, and now I love you. I know that if you were free I would take you and keep you while I lasted and therefore I know—"

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FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
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Captain Gardner will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st February.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, 16th January, 1897.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"PORT ADELAIDE,"
to sail about 5th February, 1897.
S.S. "ENERGIA," to sail about 22nd February, 1897.
S.S. "STRATHLEVEN," to sail about 7th March, 1897.
S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd March, 1897.
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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1897.

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Captain McKendall will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th February, at 5 P.M.
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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1897.

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.
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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, 21st January, 1897.

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THE British Barque
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For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1896.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
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THE 100 A. 1. Iron 4-masted British Barque
"MATTERHORN,"
Captain J. Williams, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick dispatch.
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Hongkong, 28th November, 1896.

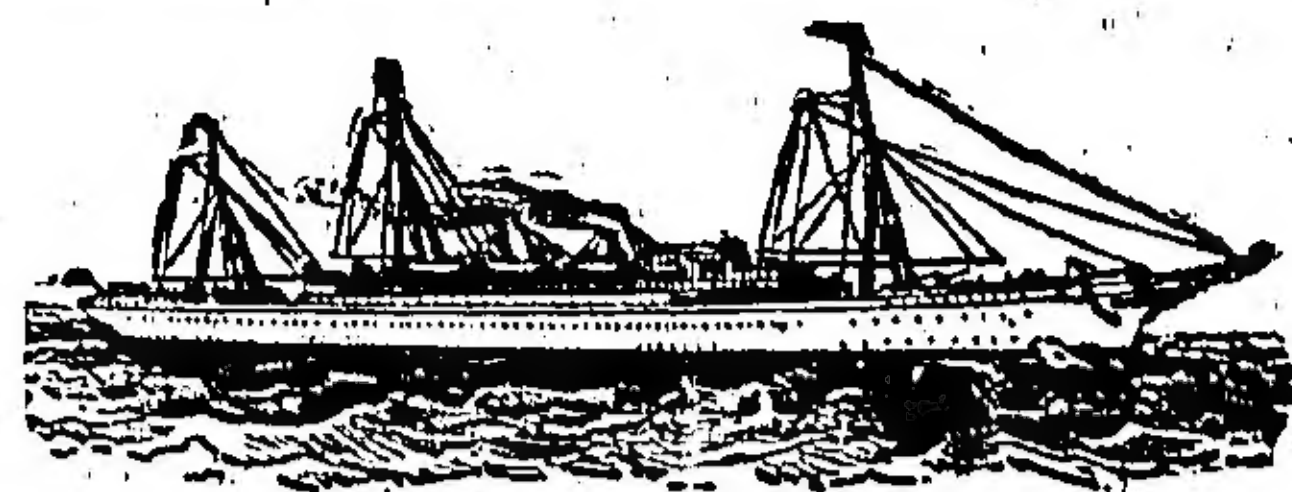
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Hongkong, 30th November, 1896.

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EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th March.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 7th April.

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Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Tuesday, 23rd Feb., at Noon.
Galle (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 13th March, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"BELGIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 4th February, 1897, at Noon.

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For further information as to Freight of Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent,
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"ROSSETTA,"
Captain F. N. Thill, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 23rd January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. KITCHIE,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1897.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS: ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich | Tuesday | 2nd Feb.
Prinzess | Tuesday | 2nd March.
Sachsen | Tuesday | 30th March.
Bayern | Tuesday | 17th April.
Prinz Heinrich | Tuesday | 15th May.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain Coppers, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE AND CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 30th Jan. for Cargo and Specie, will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 1st Feb., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 1st Feb. Contracts of Passage are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1897.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
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Braemar | 1361 | Tuesday | Feb. 9.
Tacoma | 1349 | Tuesday | Mar. 2.
Victoria | 1367 | Tuesday | Mar. 23.
Olympic | 1368 | Tuesday | April 3.
Braemar | 1361 | Tuesday | May 4.

THE Steamship
"BRAEMAR,"
Captain Porter, sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 9th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate, and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the General Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Passengers must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

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DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
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Hongkong, 19th January, 1897.

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